

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2011

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We write to you regarding the FCC's current efforts to reform the universal service (USF) program and intercarrier compensation system (ICC). We support making these programs more accountable and encourage the FCC to develop a smooth and predictable transition toward reform.


The country has made significant progress in linking small communities with our urban centers and global markets through communications. These investments have been made through loans, loan guarantees, grants, and significant private sector investment to build infrastructure in sparsely populated and remote areas which would not otherwise be served.

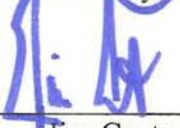
As part of ongoing reform efforts, the FCC is reviewing a number of new and reformed program restraints, benchmarks, and formulas intended to make universal service more efficient and implement a new intercarrier compensation system. The FCC should implement these reforms in a way that manages the providers' transition.


We would welcome your response to a few brief questions. In particular, could you describe how the FCC will specifically account for the impact any changes to USF and ICC may have on service providers who are also RUS borrowers? Will the FCC conduct a thorough analysis of USF and ICC changes and the potential impact of those changes on RUS borrowers' ability to repay loans? And, will you conduct such an analysis before making any changes to USF and ICC rules?

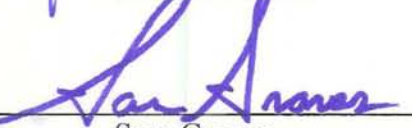
We are confident that you share our vision and dedication to connecting rural America through sound investments in telecommunications infrastructure and we welcome the opportunity to work with you to address these matters. We respectfully request your response to this letter by May 2, 2011 and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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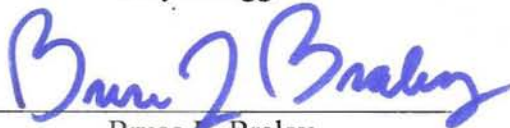
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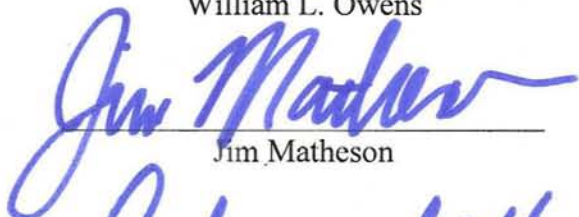
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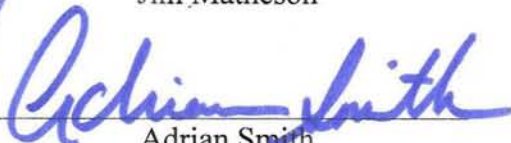
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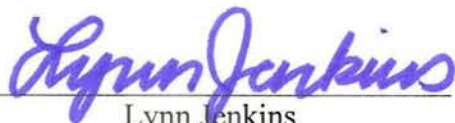
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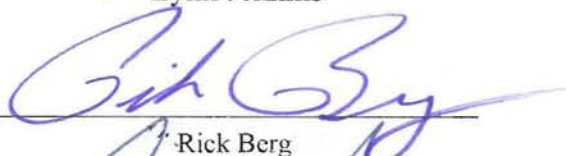
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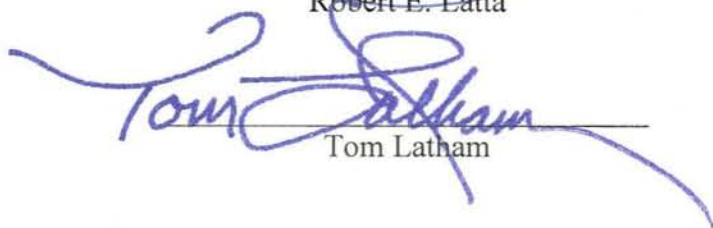
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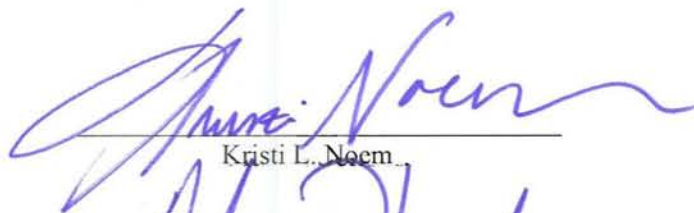
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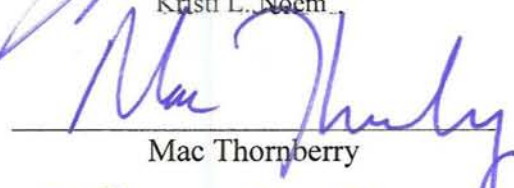
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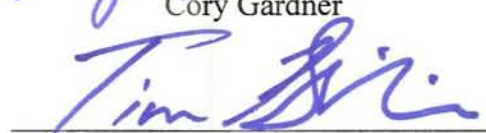
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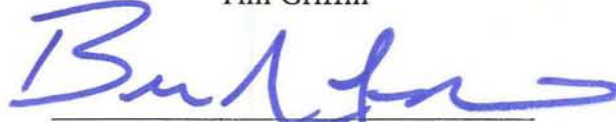
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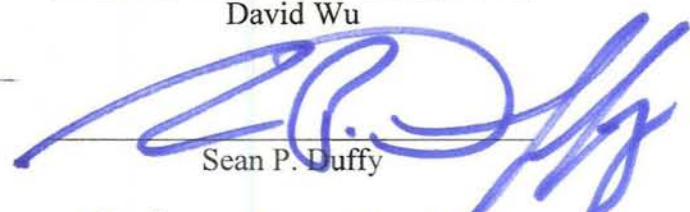
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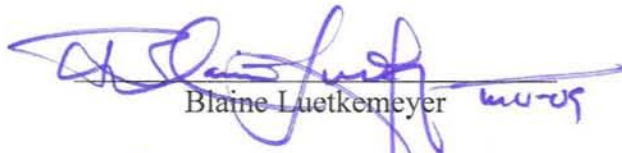
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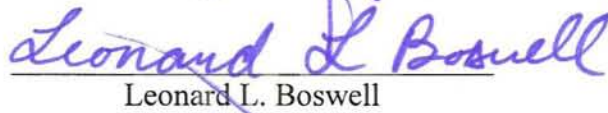


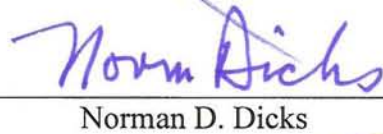
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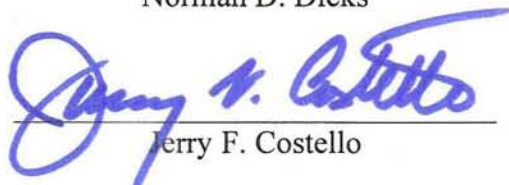


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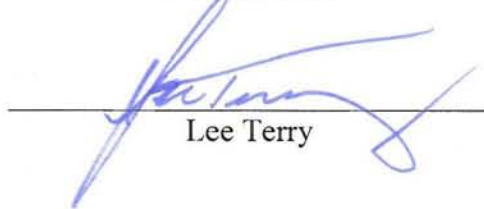

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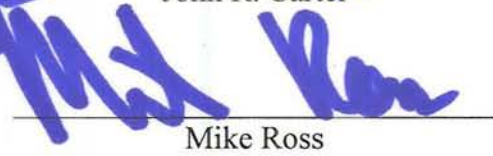

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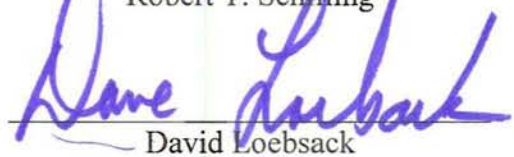

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May 31, 2011

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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Rick Berg
U.S. House of Representatives
323 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Berg:

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May 31, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Ron Kind
U.S. House of Representatives
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kind:

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The Honorable Tom Latham
U.S. House of Representatives
2217 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Robert E. Latta
U.S. House of Representatives
1323 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Dave Loebsack
U.S. House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer
U.S. House of Representatives
1740 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Luetkemeyer:

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
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The Honorable Ben Ray Luján
U.S. House of Representatives
330 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Cynthia M. Lummis
U.S. House of Representatives
113 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jim Matheson
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Mike McIntyre
U.S. House of Representatives
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Brad Miller
U.S. House of Representatives
1127 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Kristi Noem
U.S. House of Representatives
226 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Collin C. Peterson
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Reid Ribble
U.S. House of Representatives
1513 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2436 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Bobby Schilling
U.S. House of Representatives
507 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Kurt Schrader
U.S. House of Representatives
314 Cannon House Office Building
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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
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The Honorable Adrian Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Lee Terry
U.S. House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
U.S. House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
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